

A) BE: PAST SIMPLE AFFIRMATIVE AND NEGATIVE

We use *was* / *were* to describe situations in the past.

- He was at home yesterday.
- They were in Paris three weeks ago.

We use *was* for *I* / *he* / *she* / *it* and *were* for *we* / *you* / *they*.

We use *not* to form the negative.

- She wasn't (was not) in the kitchen.
- We weren't (were not) in the living room.

Affirmative	Negative	Contracted form
I was	I was not	I wasn't
You were	You were not	You weren't
He / She / It was	He / She / It was not	He / She / It wasn't
We / You / They were	We / You / They were not	We / You / They weren't

I. Complete the text with *was*/ *were*/ *wasn't*/ *weren't*.



This ⁽¹⁾ _____ my family's beach house. Our summer holidays there ⁽²⁾ _____ fantastic. It ⁽³⁾ _____ (not) a big place. It ⁽⁴⁾ _____ very small. The two bedrooms ⁽⁵⁾ _____ next to a living room and a small kitchen. The bathroom ⁽⁶⁾ _____ really small. But we ⁽⁷⁾ _____ (not) uncomfortable and we ⁽⁸⁾ _____ on the beach all day. It ⁽⁹⁾ _____ fun!

B) BE: PAST SIMPLE QUESTIONS AND SHORT ANSWERS

The word order is different in questions.

- You were at home yesterday.
- Were you at home yesterday?



Questions and short answers

Was I ...?	Yes, I was. No, I wasn't.
Were you ...?	Yes, you were. No, you weren't.
Was he / she / it ...?	Yes, he / she / it was. No, he / she / it wasn't.
Were we / you / they ...?	Yes, we / you / they were. No, we / you / they weren't.

II. Complete the dialogue with the words in the box.

Was ~~was~~ was wasn't Were ~~Were~~ ~~were~~ weren't

Dad Where *were* you last night?

Eva I *was* at home.

Dad (1) _____ Tom and Ann there?

Eva No, they (2) _____.

Dad (3) _____ you in the kitchen?

Eva Yes, I (4) _____.

Dad (5) _____ the cooker on?

Eva No, it (6) _____.



III. Complete the sentences with was/ were/ wasn't/ weren't.



1. All my friends _____ at the disco on Saturday. It _____ Lucy's birthday but I don't like dancing so I _____ there.

2. It _____ very hot on Monday afternoon. The students _____ in the classroom. They _____ in the swimming pool. It _____ a different day for them.

3. 'Where _____ you in the morning?' 'We _____ in the library with Miss June.' It _____ a reading class.'

4. '_____ Mr Brown there, too?' 'No, he _____. He _____ in his office.'

5. Jerry and Helen _____ at the cinema last night. The film _____ great.

6. '_____ you in bed at 6 o'clock this morning?'

'Yes, I _____, but my parents _____. They _____ in church.'



7. 'Who _____ your teacher in JU1A?' '_____ my teacher.'

8. '_____ you born in Goiania?' 'Yes, I _____.'